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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Richard Neifeld on November 24, 1997.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 61, paragraph d(ii), line 2, the words -- at least one lumen -- have been added before the word associated.

This amendment has been made as a result of a phone conversation between Mr. Neifeld and the examiner in which the examiner notes that applicant had no support for the lumen containing the connectors for the thermal element and the lumen associated with the balloon being the same lumen(s). Therefore, the claim was amended to overcome this concern.

As a result of this amendment, all claims now define over the art of record. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert L. Nasser Jr. whose telephone number is (703) 308-3251. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays from 8:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jennifer Bahr, can be reached on (703) 308-1066. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-3139.

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